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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that, since the beginning of the aggression of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Albania has stepped up provocations against the border of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the border units of the Army of Yugoslavia. This is being manifested by frequent armed incidents and attempts to infiltrate arms and military equipment, as well as terrorist groups varying in size, into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Sponsored by NATO, Albania recruits terrorists among Albanians brought over from various parts of the world and arms, trains and infiltrates them in Yugoslavia. Last week, these activities became massive in scope, amounting to an open act of aggression evinced by the following examples:

(1) On 17 May 1999 at 2.30 p.m., Albanian terrorist forces, strengthened by parts of the units of the armed forces of the Republic of Albania and supported by NATO planes, carried out an attack against Yugoslavia in the area of the Junik Mountains; and

(2) On the same day, at 3 p.m., following a regrouping, Albanian terrorist forces, supported by the artillery and 12 tanks of the armed forces of the Republic of Albania and NATO planes, carried out an attack against the positions of the Army of Yugoslavia at the part of the border between the Junik Mountains and the Cafa Prusit pass.

I should be very grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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